

URGES ECONOMY IN FAMILY MEAT BILL

Secretary Houston Says Step
Is Necessary to Conserve
Nation's Food Supply.

A plea for economy in the family meat bill has been sent broadcast by Secretary of Agriculture Houston. This is necessary for household economy, it is declared, and to conserve the nation's food supply.

Many persons, says the statement, eat over-abundantly of meat. In such cases it should be possible, if the incentive is great enough, to reduce expenditure for meat by reducing the amount purchased. Where meat has been purchased by telephone or order to a butcher's boy, personal shopping and careful selection may make a saving possible. Still another possibility for economizing is to purchase cheaper cuts and to compensate for any toughness and less desirable flavor by preparing them more carefully for the table. Finally, economy often may be achieved by utilizing the meat more completely, including the trimmings and bones, and left-overs.

Nutrition in Cheaper Cuts.

In purchasing the cheaper, and often tougher cuts of meat instead of the choicer cuts, a housewife is losing little, if any, nutrition, provided, of course, the proportion of bone to meat is no greater than in the more costly kinds. She rather is sacrificing only texture or flavor or ease of preparation for the sake of cheapness; and, if she wishes to produce dishes as palatable as those made from expensive meats, must expend more care on preparing, flavoring and cooking.

Using Left-Over Portions.

Left-over portions of cooked meats from serving dishes may be used in a variety of ways to prepare palatable dishes. They may be used, for in-

stance, like small pieces of uncooked meat, with vegetables and other foods in the preparation of casserole dishes, in making stews, hashes, croquettes, etc. Cold sliced meat may be served with hot gravy made from soup stock, milk, meat fat and flour or other ingredients.

An important way in which the amount of money expended for meat may be lessened is by preparing relatively small quantities of meat in such a way as to extend its flavor to other and cheaper foods. In using meat so as to extend its flavor it may be ground and combined with rice, bread crumbs, etc., to form croquettes; made into pies with relatively large quantities of pastry; cooked with dumplings; served in the same dish with gravy and starchy foods, such as spaghetti or rice; ground and used with bread crumbs or other materials, as a stuffing for vegetables, such as tomatoes and green peppers; or cut thin and wrapped around a stuffing of bread crumbs, rice, vegetables, etc. If it is considered desirable, other protein foods may be consumed in larger quantities to take the place of the meat formerly eaten. This protein may be furnished by eggs, if they are cheap, skim milk, cheese, dried beans or peas.

ASKS SCHOOL GARDEN AID.

The United States Bureau of Education today sent to all school boards of the nation an appeal for juvenile cooperation in increasing food production during the war. Local authorities were urged to appoint a "garden teacher" for each 100 children, between nine and fifteen years of age, who are willing to spend two or three hours a day gardening. Three or four million dollars worth of produce can be raised by school children in this way during the coming year, the Bureau believes.

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Enrollment at George Washington University has increased so fast that the trustees have found it imperative to provide an additional doorway for the Arts and Sciences Department administration building, 2023 G street northwest.

WHEAT CROP SHORT; SOW OTHER CEREALS

Farm Loan Board Receives Ad-
vices of Supplanting of
Food Crops.

Wheat fields are being plowed up and sown to corn or other crops, the Farm Loan Board is advised by presidents of the twelve land banks, who have carefully canvassed agricultural possibilities.

The weekly weather and crop review of the Department of Agriculture shows that conditions were unfavorable for planting wheat and other cereals throughout the country. Shortage in wheat is alarming experts of the Government, who are trying to increase production.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston has sent out a new appeal to farmers in the corn belt, to increase corn production.

Campaigns for greater production and greater conservation are being pressed unrelentingly by officials of the Government, with the aid and cooperation of private organizations, business men, bankers, and others. Reports from the land bank presidents show that shortage of labor and the high price of seed will prevent a material increase in the potato acreage.

Leonard G. Robinson, president of the Springfield Federal Land Bank, reporting for the New England States, New York and New Jersey, says the wheat crop of New York is two-thirds gone and that the fields are being plowed for barley and buckwheat.

H. W. Danforth, president of the St. Louis Federal Land Bank, reports that in Illinois half the winter wheat will be plowed and most of the replanting will be in corn; that the same is true of northern Missouri. The Arkansas wheat crop is all right. The potato crop in these States will be but slightly increased.

D. P. Hogan, president of the Omaha

Federal Land Bank, reports winter wheat almost a complete failure in Nebraska and Iowa and fields are being plowed up for corn and oats—mostly corn. The potato crop is slightly increased, many city plots being used for this purpose.

Walter Howell, president of the Louisville Bank, reports the Indiana wheat crop is two-thirds of the average, many fields are being plowed up for corn and oats, and the acreage of potatoes is not increased. Indiana has organized a county unit movement for increased production.

T. F. Davis, president of the New Orleans Bank, reports the winter wheat crop almost a complete failure; fields have been plowed and replanted in corn and peas. Southern acreage of potatoes is being increased. State governments in the South are co-operating with the farmers to increase production.

TO TEACH HOW TO RUN CITY

Hobart College Adds Municipal
Management to Its Studies.

GENEVA, N. Y., April 19.—Hobart College is about to establish a course in city management. This is a part of the college's program of adapting its curriculum to modern needs rather than to time-honored academic standards.

Powell Evans, chairman of the committee to revise the city charter of Philadelphia, has given the money.

A conference on city management, attended by men from all parts of the country, will be held at the college May 4 and 5. New York city boys can apply now for the scholarship established in memory of William A. Read, a benefactor of the college, open next fall.

CAPITAL HOTELS CROWDED.

Thronging of tourists and convention delegates have marched on Washington's hotels and conquered them even to the last hall room. There is scarcely a room to be had in a single hotel. Private rooming houses are reaping a harvest from the overflow.

ALL-STORY WEEKLY OUT

"Ladyfingers," by Jackson Gregory, is Excellent Yarn About Crooks. Despite the age of mental superiority now existing, if that mentality is supplemented by a pair of hands trained to work and to do it well, the combination is hard to overcome.

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Besides this serial story, the weekly contains three other installments of serials, one novelette, six short stories and several poems besides the editor's Log Book.

"The Speedmaster," by Bertrand Royal, a novelette, is one of particular interest at this time. With a plot that deals with an international crisis

barely two months old. It is entertainingly instructive and serves to clear up many cloudy situations.

APPEALS FROM JUDGMENT.

Robert D. Roosevelt has taken an appeal to the District Supreme Court for a reversal of a judgment for \$12.65 returned against him in the Municipal Court, where he was sued by the Hughes Market, Inc., following an automobile collision.

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